

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: SUMMER FACTSHEET #8
Weekly Stock Status and Fishery Updates
(All inseason data is preliminary)
July 7, 2011

Stock Status

	Date:	July 5, 2011		Jul 5
	Preseason	Bonneville	% Complete	Current
Salmonid Stock	Forecast	Count	(10-yr ave.)	Forecast
Summer Chinook	91,100	30,424	47%	77,000
Sockeye	161,900	70,292	68%	161,900
Summer Steelhead	390,900	8,607	4%	390,900

- Based on the run size downgrade from 91,100 to 77,000 adult summer Chinook, harvest is limited to 43,698 adult fish. Harvestable fish are shared equally between treaty Indian and non-Indian fisheries. Treaty Indian fisheries are allocated 21,849 fish. Non-Indian fisheries have a balance of 18,586 fish after ocean harvest.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

2011 Treaty-Indian Commercial Summer Season Landings*					
	# Nets	Chinook	Steelhead	Sockeye	Sturgeon
Jun 16-18	322	4,230	139	602	44
Jun 20-23	350	3,390	169	1,324	63
Jun 27-30	364	3,335	245	4,515	229
Jul 5-7	358	3,400	500	4,500	
Sum		14,355	1,053	10,941	336
Catch Limits		21,849		11,300	1,296

*Actual and projected catch

Non-Indian Commercial

2011 Non-Indian Commercial Summer Season Landings				
	# Del.	Chinook	Sockeye	Sturgeon
16-Jun	124	2,519	19	255
22-Jun	111	2,557	33	215
Sum	235	5,076	52	470
Catch Limits			~100	700

- Commercial harvest of white sturgeon in non-Indian fisheries is limited to 3,400 fish in 2011. Through July 5 a total of 854 white sturgeon have been harvested. A total of 2,300 white sturgeon are allocated to fall season fisheries.

Non-Indian Recreational

Recreational Salmon Fisheries

- Summer Chinook recreational fisheries are scheduled to be open from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to Priest Rapids Dam throughout the entire summer season of June 16 through July 31. The fisheries are mark-selective for summer Chinook, allowing the retention of adipose fin-clipped hatchery fish only, except upstream of Priest Rapids Dam where the season opens July 1 with a daily limit of 3 fish/1 wild Chinook. Sockeye retention will be allowed throughout the summer Chinook season unless the guideline is reached earlier. Sockeye catch limits are not officially allocated among non-Indian fisheries, but rather distributed on an as-needed basis.

2011 Recreational Summer Season Salmonid Harvest Below Bonneville Dam					
	Trips	Chinook		Sockeye	
		Kept	Released	Kept	Released
6/16-6/19**	9,592	855	446	319	116
6/20-6/26	15,076	1,759	766	366	81
6/27-6/30	7,278	863	489	225	36
7/1-7/4	9,210	574	253	379	95
7/11-7/17					
7/18-7/24					
7/25-7/31					
Sum	41,156	4,051	1,954	1,289	328
Catch Limits				~1,000 mortalities*	

*Non-Indian sockeye impacts are limited to 1% of the run size

**Includes 134 kept & 36 sockeye released prior to June 16

2011 Recreational Summer Season Salmonid Harvest Bonneville Dam to Priest Rapids Dam					
	Trips	Chinook		Sockeye	
		Kept	Released	Kept	Released
6/16-6/19	498	6	0	7	0
6/20-6/26	385	43	54	28	59
6/27-7/3	567	42	30	24	20
7/4-7/10					
7/11-7/17					
7/18-7/24					
7/25-7/31					
Sum	1,450	91	84	59	79
Catch Limits				~500 mortalities*	

*Non-Indian sockeye impacts are limited to 1% of the run size

- Non-Indian fisheries are projected to remain within the 18,586 summer Chinook guideline for all fisheries combined, including sport and tribal fisheries above Priest Rapids Dam.

Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries

- The 2011 retention season for the fishery above Wauna is open three days a week (Thu-Sat) during January 1-July 31 and October 8-December 31 (38-54 inch fork length). Through June, 12,428 anglers have kept 467 fish. The 2011 catch guideline for this area is 3,410 fish.

2011 Recreational White Sturgeon Harvest Below Wauna			
Date	Trips	Kept	Kept/Day
1-1-5/31	2,207	200	
6/1-6/12	3,279	476	40
6/13-6/19	3,499	554	79
6/20-6/26	3,414	679	97
6/27-6/30	523	79	20
7/1-7/4	1,304	280	70
Sum	14,226	2,268	
Kept Limit		6,800	

- The 2011 white sturgeon retention fishery in the lower Willamette River was open three days/week from February 17 through March 12. Anglers kept an estimated 2,688 fish from 12,634 trips. The 2011 catch guideline for this area is 2,550 fish
- The current 2011 retention season for the fishery below Wauna is January 1 through April 30 (38-54 inch fork length) and May 14 through July 31 (41-54 inch fork length). The 2011 catch guideline for this area is 6,800 fish.
- Under permanent rule, the 2011 Zone 6 (Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam) recreational white sturgeon fishery opened for retention effective January 1. The fishery remains open until the annual guideline for each pool is met. Catch and season status is shown in the table below:

2011 Recreational White Sturgeon Harvest Above Bonneville Dam					
<u>Bonneville Pool</u>		<u>The Dalles Pool</u>		<u>John Day Pool</u>	
Date	Kept	Date	Kept	Date	Kept
1/1 - 2/19	1,627	1-1-6/19	141	1/1 - 4/10	532
6/30 - 7/2	413	6/20-6/26	0	Closed	
7/7 - 7/8 (<i>projected</i>)	250	6/27-7/3	28		
Closed effective Jul 9		7/4-7/10			
Sum	2,290	169		532	
Kept Limits	2,000	300		500	

- The Bonneville Pool harvest guideline is projected to be reached by Friday July 8, prompting the states to close the fishery effective Saturday July 9.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Wednesday July 13 via teleconference. Staff will provide an update on the recreational sturgeon fishery below Wauna powerlines.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM July 28 at the Holiday Inn (204 West Marine Dr.) in Astoria, Oregon. Agenda items include August mainstem (Treaty and non-Treaty) and fall Select Area commercial fisheries